

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

There are prior art driver's gas bag modules comprising a gas bag which in relation to the inflated state has a front wall facing the ~~driver,~~ driver. A central ~~the central~~ section of the front wall in the inflated state ~~having~~ has an ~~indentation, the latter being~~ indentation. The indentation is created by the central section at least partially being prevented from a movement in the direction out from the gas bag module.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

In such gas bag modules, which are known for example from ~~EP-A-1 115 926~~ EP-A-1 155 926, the gas bag is usually ring-shaped. The front wall here is the wall of the gas bag which in the inflated state is directed to the driver and onto which the driver can strike. The central section is usually the center of the front wall which at least at the start of the unfolding remains fastened to the gas bag module, so that in the inflated state the already mentioned ring shape of the gas bag is formed. Owing to this ring shape, the gas bag emerges obliquely outwards from the module housed in the steering wheel of the vehicle; only subsequently does the front wall move in the direction towards the driver.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

According to the invention, a driver's gas bag module includes a gas bag which in relation to an inflated state has a front wall facing a ~~driver,~~ driver. A central ~~a central~~ section of the front wall in the inflated state ~~having~~ has an indentation. The indentation is created by the central section at least partially being prevented from a movement in the direction out from the gas bag module. The front wall, in relation to the center of the indentation, has an upper region and a lower ~~region,~~ region. An ~~an~~ outer edge of the upper region ~~having~~ has three substantially straight sections. In contrast to the usual ring shape of the gas bag in generic driver's gas bag modules, the invention provides a "cornered" contour of the upper region of the front wall of the gas bag, which assists a supporting of the gas bag on the rim of the steering wheel of the vehicle during unfolding. Through the particular geometry of the upper region, therefore a possible dislocation of the gas bag to behind the steering wheel rim under unfavorable conditions during unfolding is avoided, without a prefolding of the gas bag being necessary. The elimination of prefolding generally leads to a greater process security on manufacture of the gas bag module. In addition, the cycle time can be shortened during the folding process of the gas bag.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

The gas bag module 10 illustrated in FIG. 1a is housed in the steering wheel of a vehicle. The gas bag module 10 has a gas generator 12 around which a holding part in the form of a diffusor 14 is arranged. The diffusor 14, together with the gas generator 12, is in turn secured to the housing 16 of the gas bag module 10. Between the diffusor 14 and the outer wall of the housing, an annular space is formed in which a gas bag 18 is housed, which is folded together without the gas bag 18 being prefolded before the gas bag 18 is housed into the housing 16. A covering flap 20 closes the gas bag module 10 in the non-unfolded state of the gas bag 18 and is swiveled outwards during the unfolding.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

The embodiment shown in FIG. 2 differs from the previously described embodiment in that also the lower region 32 has a "cornered" shape, so that as a whole a rectangular shape of the front wall 22 is produced. The outer edge 34 of the lower region 32 can be divided, in an analogous manner to the outer edge 36 of the upper region 30, into three substantially straight sections 34a, 34b, 34c and two curved transition sections 34d, 34e with radii of curvature R3 and R4, respectively. The curved transitions of the outer edge 36 of the upper region 30 have radii R5 and R6.